

Whereas President George W. Bush, in recognizing Greek Independence Day, said, "Greece and America have been firm allies in the great struggles for liberty. Americans will always remember Greek heroism and Greek sacrifice for the sake of freedom . . . [and] as the 21st Century dawns, Greece and America once again stand united; this time in the fight against terrorism. The United States deeply appreciates the role Greece is playing in the war against terror. . . . America and Greece are strong allies, and we're strategic partners.";

Whereas Greece is a stabilizing force by virtue of its political and economic power in the volatile Balkan region and is one of the fastest growing economies in Europe;

Whereas Greece, through excellent work and cooperation with United States and international law enforcement agencies, arrested and convicted key members of the November 17 terrorist organization;

Whereas President Bush stated that Greece's successful "law enforcement operations against a terrorist organization [November 17] responsible for three decades of terrorist attacks underscore the important contributions Greece is making to the global war on terrorism";

Whereas Greece was extraordinarily responsive to United States requests during the war with Iraq, as Greece immediately granted unlimited access to its airspace and the base in Souda Bay, and many United States ships delivering troops, cargo, and supplies to Iraq were refueled in Greece;

Whereas the Olympic Games came home in August 2004 to Athens, Greece, the land of their ancient birthplace 2,500 years ago and the city of their modern revival in 1896;

Whereas Greece received world-wide praise for its extraordinary handling of over 14,000 athletes from 202 countries and over 2,000,000 spectators and journalists and did so efficiently, securely, and with its famous Greek hospitality;

Whereas the unprecedented Olympic security effort in Greece for the first post-9/11 Olympics included a record-setting expenditure of over \$1,390,000,000 and assignment of over 70,000 security personnel, as well as the utilization of an 8-country Olympic Security Advisory Group which included the United States;

Whereas Greece, geographically located in a region where Christianity meets Islam and Judaism, maintains excellent relations with Muslim nations and Israel;

Whereas Greece has had extraordinary success in recent years in furthering cross-cultural understanding and reducing tensions between Greece and Turkey;

Whereas Greece and the United States are at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights;

Whereas those and other ideals have forged a close bond between our 2 nations and their peoples;

Whereas March 25, 2005, marks the 184th anniversary of the beginning of the revolution that freed the Greek people from the Ottoman Empire; and

Whereas it is proper and desirable to celebrate with the Greek people and to reaffirm the democratic principles from which our 2 great nations were born: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 25, 2005, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15—ENCOURAGING ALL AMERICANS TO INCREASE THEIR CHARITABLE GIVING, WITH THE GOAL OF INCREASING THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF CHARITABLE GIVING IN THE UNITED STATES BY 1 PERCENT

Mr. SANTORUM submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

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Whereas individual charitable giving rates among Americans have stagnated at 1.5 to 2.2 percent of aggregate individual income for the past 50 years;

Whereas a 1 percent increase (from 2 percent to 3 percent) in charitable giving will generate over \$90,000,000,000 to charity;

Whereas charitable giving is a significant source of funding for health, education, and welfare programs; and

Whereas a 1 percent increase in charitable giving may reduce the Federal deficit, reduce the call for tax increases, and provide funds to benefit our national health, education, and welfare goals: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*, That Congress encourages all Americans to increase their charitable giving, with the goal of increasing the annual amount of charitable giving in the United States by 1 percent.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution that encourages all Americans to increase their charitable giving with the goal of increasing charitable giving in the United States by 1 percent.

I am proud to be a citizen of such a charitable nation. However, individual charitable giving rates among Americans have stagnated over the past 50 years. On average, Americans donate 2 percent of their aggregate income to charitable causes. A 1-percent increase to 3 percent could generate up to \$90 billion annually. Further, a 1-percent increase in charitable giving has the potential to reduce the Federal deficit, reduce the call for tax increases, and provide our national health, education, and welfare programs with much needed assistance in performing their duties.

I also realize the Government's role to make it easier for Americans to be charitable. As legislators, we must provide incentives for charitable giving, opportunities for low-income families to build individual assets, and support faith-based and secular organizations as they provide charitable social services. I remain committed to promoting increased opportunities for the less fortunate to obtain help through faith-based and community organizations.

There are people all around the country waiting to give more to charity—they just need a little push. The CARE Act gives that in the form of a series of targeted tax incentives. The bill provides \$2 billion in food-donation incentives that would allow farmers, restaurants and corporations to give more of their surplus food to local food banks and soup kitchens. America's Second Harvest estimates this provi-

sion translates into an additional 878 million meals for the hungry over the next 10 years.

In addition, the CARE Act removes the tax penalties that are preventing larger-dollar donors from rolling over their IRA account funds to assist a wide range of charities, including foundations, colleges and universities. If the CARE Act passes, individuals will be able to give 30 percent more in tax-free IRA contributions than would otherwise be possible.

The spirit of giving is part of what makes America great. I submit this resolution to remind us all that more can be done to assist the needy. I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 130. Mr. TALENT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 121 submitted by Mr. TALENT to the bill S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 131. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 50 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill S. 256, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 132. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 256, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 133. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 256, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 134. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 115 submitted by Mr. BIDEN and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 256, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 135. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 117 submitted by Mr. BIDEN and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 256, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 136. Mr. BENNETT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 54 submitted by Mr. BENNETT and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 256, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 137. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 256, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 130.** Mr. TALENT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 121 submitted by Mr. TALENT to the bill S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(e)(1) In addition to any transfer that the trustee may otherwise avoid, the trustee may avoid any transfer of an interest of the debtor in property that was made on or within 10 years before the date of the filing of the petition, if—

"(A) such transfer was made to a self-settled trust or similar device;

"(B) such transfer was by the debtor;